



# Delaware

## BFS Report Card

RANKING #

10

REGIONAL  
RANKING

NORTHEAST #5

Governor: Jack Markell

DOT Commissioner: Shailen Bhatt

Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator: Anthony Aglio

State Advocacy Group: Bike Delaware

### Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

4 Legislation and Enforcement

3 Policies and Programs

3 Infrastructure and Funding

5 Education and Encouragement

3 Evaluation and Planning

### Feedback

- Develop a Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) curriculum for bicycling enforcement both for new officers and continuing education – focus on laws related to bicyclists, interactions between motorists and bicyclists, and bicycle collision investigation.
- Develop a Complete Streets implementation strategy, including training for planners and engineers and a checklist for project managers.
- Add bicycle safety as an emphasis area in the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan and aggressively fund bike safety projects.
- Bicycle ridership, while at the national average, must continue to increase. Determine barriers that people face when bicycling and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce barriers and increase ridership
- Delaware is one of the least safe places for bicyclists in the country (based on the number of fatalities and bicyclists). Bicycle safety should be a major emphasis for all projects, programs, and policies to address this issue.

### One Bicycle Friendly Success

Governor Markell and DOT Commissioner Bhatt are two of the most bike-friendly public officials in the country - both are prioritizing scarce resources for bicycling.

### Top Tip for Improvement

Incorporate bicycle safety into the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan and add a NGO bicycling representative to the DeIDOT Highway Safety Committee

### Top 10 Signs of Success

People Commuting by Bike (More than 1%)



Safe Passing/Vulnerable Road User Law



Complete Streets Policy



Dedicated State Funding



Active State Advocacy Group



State Bicycle Plan (Adopted 2002 or later)



Share the Road Campaign

Bicycle Education for Police

Bicycle Safety Emphasis in Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Top 10 State for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Spending

The Bicycle Friendly States ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. It asks 50 questions across 5 categories: Legislation and Enforcement, Policies and Programs, Infrastructure and Funding, Education and Encouragement, Evaluation and Planning. The results listed above provide only a snap shot of the full application. They are intended to offer some ideas for further growth in bicycle friendliness. For more information, visit [www.bikeleague.org/states](http://www.bikeleague.org/states) or contact Matt Wempe at (202) 822-1333 or [matt@bikeleague.org](mailto:matt@bikeleague.org).

